

## Thanks for Coming

If you are a visitor in our worship service today, we are thrilled to have you. Our prayer is that you are drawn into the presence of Christ during this time, and your encounter with Him will leave you more transformed into His image. If you are new to our community, or if you don't have a current Church home, we hope you will prayerfully consider Southern Heigtapist Church as your place of worship.

If you are just visiting the Berryville area, we hope you enjoy your stay and will come back soon. In either case, we would like to have a record of your visit, and be made aware of any prayer concerns you might have.

Thank you for being here today.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about Southern Heights: (Y) (N)

Prayer needs:  
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# SHBC WANT ADS

**NEEDED:** at least one more **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL COOK TEAM**– We currently have 2 teams serving twice a month. This model is not sustainable. We need another team of 4 **ASAP** in order to continue serving Wednesday night meals. **HELP!**

## December Church Calendar

**Dec. 22: 185th Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest**

**Dec. 25: No Wednesday Activities**

**Dec. 25-27: Church Office Closed**

**Jan. 1: No Wednesday Activities**

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## FIRED UP SPORTS

It's hard to believe it is time to begin preparations for Fired Up Basketball and Cheer. Our first order of business is to secure our coaches. You don't need any experience to coach. You just need to love kids. Please pray about your role in this ministry.

**SIGN UP IN THE FOYER!**



**WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:**

**WEEKLY BUDGET:** \$5544.48

**LAST WEEK:** **\$5448.00**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:**

**MONTHLY:** \$24,026.07

**LAST MONTH:** \$29,874.84

## Southern Heights News

December 22, 2024

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# Merry Christmas to all, And to all a good night.

That's the line Clement Moore gives to Santa Claus in his famous poem *A Visit From St. Nicholas*. It is a wish for peace to all who might hear it. A wish for good...for joy...for rest.

And after this past month, with parties and shopping and non-stop activity, who couldn't use a little rest. So my Christmas wish for you (my prayer) is that you find the time to rest, to refresh...and ponder the true meaning of this season: Jesus came to earth (God in the flesh) to ransom the lost souls of humanity. Our salvation found its beginning in that lowly manger in Bethlehem. This Christmas, do as Mary did and "ponder" that miracle.



**Bro. K says: "The Light of the World"**

Isaiah 9:2, *"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the deep darkness a light has dawned."*

John 1:5,9, *"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it... The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world."*

One of the first indications of the Christmas season is the appearance of lights— lights on trees and in windows, radiance everywhere. My earliest memories recall my dad loading us all up in our 1962 Ford Galaxy 500 to drive all the way across town to Nichols Hills (where the rich folk lived) to look at the magnificent light displays.

Everything seemed to be wrapped in stars.

Lights aren't just decorative, they are symbolic. In order to see the brilliance of the lights, we have to grasp the darkness of the night. We have to see how "dark" our world is. Jesus was born at a time filled with abuse of power, homelessness, refugees fleeing oppression, families ripped apart, and horrific grief. No one knew how to cure the suffering; no earthly measure could fix the darkness. Then Jesus came.

When Jesus was born, a special star illuminated the night sky and announced the Savior had come. Light had come to dispel the darkness. Jesus wants to do that for us also. He came to trade our darkness for light. Whatever your situation, allow Him in today to bring the light.

Maybe it's time for you to "flip the switch." If you haven't accepted Jesus as your Savior, you can do so right now! If you have, bring the light to someone else by telling them about the Light of the world!



**It's a busy time of year for our Youth Group. Don't Miss Out!**

**SUNDAY A.M.:** Ms. Cole will teach Bible Study at 9:45.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS:** Youth Sponsors will lead Worship, Bible Study and Shenanigans- Every Wednesday night at 6:00- Dinner at 5:00

**There will be no Youth Activities  
on Dec. 25 or on Jan. 1**

## **Gideon Birthday for Jesus**

Today we continue our Gideon Christmas emphasis: Birthday for Jesus. In the foyer you will find an envelope that presents you an opportunity to donate to the Gideons International. For each \$5 donated, a Bible will be placed in the hands of someone who needs to read it, in the language they speak. The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments.

While Gideons are often recognized for their work with hotels, they also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them. Give generously today.



## **Welcome to SHBC** **About SHBC**

We are a group of Christ-followers who believe in the power of God to change lives. We want to see transformation take place in your life, and in your family's. We see that happening in this Church through the consistent teaching and preaching of God's Word, and through the encouragement and support of fellow believers. Our worship is simple and Spirit-led, meaning God is the focus of everything we do, because He alone is able to help; He alone is able to save; therefore, He alone is worthy of our devotion.

Our activities and teaching are centered around the Biblical directive to "make disciples." Simply put, everything we do is for the purpose of pointing people to Jesus, so they can become more like Him. SHBC is a relatively young Church, but a Church that God has already blessed in miraculous ways. We invite you to become a part of our family, and experience the power of Christ in your life.

### **Join The Family**

The only biblical requirements for Church membership are that you are born again and have been baptized. That means that you have publicly professed your faith in Christ and then been baptized by immersion after your salvation. If that is the case, you are eligible for membership.

There are several different ways to join SHBC, depending on your situation. Please talk with our Pastor if you have questions about becoming a member here.